

From: Jeff Gurule
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, Jun 7, 2003 4:18 PM
Subject: Oppose Media Mergers

June 7, 2003

Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy
Federal Communications Commission

Dear Kathleen Abernathy,

I know you are busy. But prior to your vote on June 2, stop for a moment to consider this:
Imagine if America's news media emphasized solutions, rather than problems.
Imagine if America's top journalists were paid to inform, rather than titillate, dramatize, and report anything as "news" to boost ratings.

If you support this vision, you will vote against allowing giant media corporations to grow even bigger. For example, I think it's dangerous for one company to own both the leading daily newspaper (often the only daily newspaper) and a local TV station in the same city. This ownership arrangement puts too much power in the hands of one media corporation-and it reduces the already small number of independent media voices we hear in our communities.

Please join with all your colleagues and act now to stop big media from getting even bigger.

Sincerely,

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From: Chuckwalljr@aol.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sat, Jun 7, 2003 4 19 PM
Subject: Broadcast ownership rules

Dear commissioners.

I urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies. These proposed changes would pave the way for giant media conglomerates to gain near-total control of radio and television news and information in communities across our nation. And many of the corporations that are now lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules already have a known track record in attempting to keep opposing viewpoints off the air. The American people deserve to hear more than one point of view on important issues. Therefore, for the sake of our democracy and our freedom, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that, for decades, have helped to ensure a healthy political debate in our country.

Sincerely,

Charles R. Wall, Jr.
Mr. Charles R. Wall

Lansdale, Pennsylvania 19446-3524

CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: lunastar@hellokitty.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, Jun 7, 2003 4:20 PM
Subject: Oppose media deregulation and demand public hearings

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From: NetGod
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, Jun 7, 2003 4:21 PM
Subject: MEDIA OWNERSHIP RULES

Dear Mr. Adelstein,

I am dismayed at the possible negative effects resulting from the passing of this proposal in such basic constitutional values as freedom of speech and monopolization. The blatant anti-gun views shared by these corporate executives involved will deal a major blow to the right to bear arms because the media will be one step closer to controlling ideologies and viewpoints and the very facts about such a tense issue as gun-control. I implore you Honorable Chairperson Adelstein to object to such shady and undermining laws and resolutions as the one proposed here, it will only contribute to the further decline of the American way.

Thank you,
Steve Slaughter, NY (high school student)

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From: peter thilly
To: Commissioner Adelstein
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Subject: media ownership

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madison, WI 53711

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From: Kathy Murphy
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, Jun 7, 2003 4:22 PM
Subject: Diversity is Key

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Subject: Support an open & diverse media!

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Subject: The airwaves belong to the public, not Ruppert Murdoch

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From: Robert Shiller
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Subject: Your new rules are a sellout to Corporate interests and a cheating of the American people

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Lonnie Henderson
PO Box 409
Pinch, West Virginia 25156

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